

Lord, but serve the devil. What wonder they neither love God nor man.

Let us live for a purpose. What purpose more worthy than to please God? "I do always those things which please him." Let us consecrate every-day living and doing unto God and we shall pursue life's journey with joy and gladness. If we will so do you may take down the fence. We need no ecclesiastical laws to constrain or fence us in. The love of Christ is constraint enough. Let us individually do so and when we meet, every eye shall look love to every other eye, every tongue shall speak love to every listening ear, every heart shall glow in the warmth of a warmer heart that sends forth wavelets of love from its own intensity of love. Then shall we know the foretaste of heaven.

Heaven is love because God is love. Heaven is where God is. Then we shall love and be loved even as God loved us. Then we shall have forever that brotherhood of kindred spirits procured through Christ and kept by him in time and eternity, to whom be glory and dominion now and ever more. Amen.

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#### PURITY OF CHARACTER.

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Purity is the lighthouse of our souls. Jesus is the author of this light of purity. When we start out on life's pathway, we need a guide. Our steps are made by inexperienced feet. When we are born into this world, we start directly on the broad road to destruction, therefore we need a guide to guide us from our infancy to years of understanding. Who shall this guide be? The cry all over the world is the mother. That is true. Many of the mothers of our land have the responsibility of the training of their children, but they need help and that help should be the fathers. He should have the same interest in the children, and the same love for them as the mother. I think it is a sad mistake to imprint on the minds of our boys from generation to generation that they are better than their sisters, or better than their wives or mothers. They should go hand in hand with each other one thinking, I must do even more than my part. God's book says we shall raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that points to the Light house of Purity, with Jesus as its author.

The next thing, what is purity? and

how can we teach it if we are not pure ourselves. We cannot teach perfect purity if we are not pure. We can not be pure and reject the one who came into this world to save us from our sins. We cannot teach perfect purity, if we have not learned the way, and the way is Jesus, for he said, "I am the way, the truth and the light." Then let us remember the only way we can teach perfect purity to our children is to learn the way. We say our children, yes, our children are near and dear to us, but let us remember our neighbor's children, and not cast them aside as soon as we see they have made some mistake in life. We should remember the words of our Savior, "Love your neighbor as yourself." We many times allow selfishness to exist in us. Oh selfishness! call that purity? No, cast that down over the banks of impurity. Envy, strife, malice, call that purity? No, cast that with selfishness. Let it not exist in the heart that has been cleansed by the blood of Jesus. The minds of our children should be educated to love and dwell upon pure subjects. By this means can a foundation be laid to lead a pure life. We should watch the habits of our children, for the highest treasures we have are our children. Then let us not get weary in teaching them the many traps of impurity that are constantly falling around them. Teach them to look yonder into the beautiful blue sky for the great Lighthouse of Purity and keep in mind the blessed star and if we do the time will come when we will thank God a thousand times, that we had an existence. We have only one life to live, only one death to die and heaven to gain. We die to live in the mansions prepared above.

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#### OUR CREATOR.

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Wherefore let them suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator. I Peter 4:19.

In the beginning God created all things and among them man and wife and gave them control over all things which were in the beautiful garden of Eden but thro disobedience to the will of God, thro eating of the fruit of the tree which God had forbidden them to eat of, they were cast out and compelled to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

As time passed on the people be-

came farther away from God but all this time a few remained steadfast to their Creator.

The Jews, it seemed, were the chosen people of God but they were led astray by different agencies until they even rejected the Son of God, who came to save a lost and ruined world. They not only rejected him as their Savior but caused him to die the cruel death upon the cross and wear the crown of thorns upon his fair brow that we might wear a golden crown at his right hand.

Thro the Jews rejecting Christ he became the Savior of the whole world. What a wonderful, loving Creator to let his son die under the torment of wicked men that we might be saved.

Who is it that will not believe on such a loving Creator who made heaven and earth and all that is therein? Who is it that will say there is no God when they behold the stars which twinkle at night, at the moon which gives its light at night, at the sun which gives us light and heat during the day and our own beautiful earth and most wonderful of all with the regularity with which they move never varying a second. Even the worst infidel must admit that there is some higher power which makes them move.

Our Creator is a wonderful being. He is loving to all, harmful to none and yet all who will not love and obey him, he will cast into everlasting punishment.

Now he is so loving and so kind ought we not to love him not only in words but in every deed and action. For he has said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments." If we say we love him and keep not his commandments, we make ourselves liars. The world will know our love and although we may deceive it for a while, we cannot deceive God who knows our hearts as well as we do ourselves.

So let us love our Creator in every word, deed and action and then we can say with the Psalmist David, "Into thy hands I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, Lord God of truth." Ps. 31:5.

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The death that is called indifference, and that makes men listlessly live their lives without aim or object, should be conquered for the Christian by the serving Lord who has given to every man his work. We cannot be imitators of Christ without having our lives filled with a tremendous and overmastering purpose.